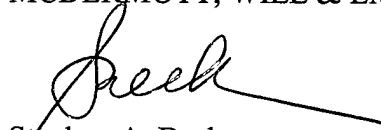


### REMARKS

The above-referenced application is amended to correct grammatical errors throughout the specification. In amended Figures 3-5, the "Special Storage Region" numerals 17 and 117 have been replaced with numerals 19 and 119 respectively and the "Conuter" numeral 17 with numeral 18. Additionally, the terms "Conuter" and "Registor", should read as Counter and Register respectively. Entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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